

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
STERILIZING A PACKAGING SHEET
MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 25, after "320nm", insert "and in that said means for irradiating are
arranged only downstream of the means for removing".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or 3,".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one or more of claims 1-8", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one or more of claims 1-8", and insert --claim 1--.

Sub b3 Claim 11 (Amended) - Apparatus for sterilizing a packaging sheet material according to
the method defined in [claims 1-10] claim 1, comprising:

-means for applying hydrogen peroxide to a packaging sheet material moving in an
advancement direction,

-means for irradiating the packaging sheet material with light including at least one UV
wavelength between 200nm and 320nm, arranged downstream of said means for applying
hydrogen peroxide, with respect to said advancement direction, and;